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1. THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (MOHFP) HAS
CLEARED AND SENT TO THE EMBASSY THE FOLLOWING FIVE PROJECTS
FOR US REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

I. MOLECULAR CONFORMATIONS OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES
AT INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, BANGALORE

II. DEVELOPMENT OF SOFT X-RAY PROBES AND EXAMINATION OF THE
STRUCTURE OF CHROMATIN AND CHROMOSOMES AT IIS, BANGALORE

III. STUDIES ON INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS IN INDIA AT 5 DIFFERENCE
INSTITUTIONS

IV. COORDINATED RESEARCH PROJECT ON MYCOTOXINS IN FOODS AT
ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, NEW DELHI AND
NATIONAL NUTRITION INSTITUTE, HYDERABAD

V. COORDINATED STUDY ON STROKE AT 5 DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS

2. AIRGRAMS ON EACH OF THESE PROJECTS ARE BEING FORWARDED
WITH INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR PREPARATION OF PROJECT
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AGREEMENT PAPERS.

3. THE MOH HAS AN ADDITIONAL 21 APPROVED PROJECTS THAT ARE BEING CLEARED BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. THESE 21 INCLUDE THE NINE PROJECTS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL (C) THAT HAD RECEIVED PRIOR GOI AND US APPROVALS BUT BECAUSE THEY WERE DEVELOPED 2 OR 3 YEARS AGO REQUIRED FURTHER UPDATING BY INDIAN AND US AGENCIES. THE REMAINDER ARE MOSTLY NEW OR REVISED PROPOSALS.

4. THE TOTAL OF 26 PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE MOH AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY RS. 15 MILLION (DOLS 2 MILLION).

5. THE HEALTH SECRETARY, GIAN PRAKASH TOLD THE SCI/ATT ON JANUARY 15 THAT THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN CLEARED IN THE SPIRIT OF US/INDO COOPERATION TO BUILD A FIRM BASIS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION UNDER THE NEW JOINT COMMISSION. HE HOPES THAT THE US AGENCIES COULD EXPEDITE THEIR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THESE PROPOSALS AND PREPARE THE NECESSARY PAPERS BASED ON THE SFC PROJECT AGREEMENT FORMAT USED IN THE PAST. WHEN THE WORDING FOR THE PATENT CLAUSE IS FINALIZED THIS CAN BE ADDED TO THE AGREEMENT.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEW RESPONSE TO REFTEL B. CONCERNING THE PATENT CLAUSE WORDING TO GIVE US TIME FOR A DISCUSSION WITH THE MOH BEFORE THE INDIAN HEALTH TEAM LEAVES DELHI ON JANUARY 23 FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING IN WASHINGTON.SCHNEIDER

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